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News Release

GREENVILLE ZOO CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND WITH TRIBUTE TO MOMS

(Greenville SC) The Greenville Zoo will treat moms to a special day this Mother's Day. Mothers will enjoy free zoo admission on Sunday, May 11 when accompanied by one or more children paying full-price admission.

In addition, the Greenville Zoo will celebrate and pay tribute to its resident orangutan mother, Chelsea, on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the zoo's annual Missing Orangutan Mothers (M.O.M.) Day. The special event is held each year to create awareness of the large number of orangutan mothers who are killed in Indonesia due to deforestation practices and high consumer demands for palm oil. Zoo volunteers and education staff will be at the Orangutan Exhibit to share information about orangutans and what the public can do to help.

About the Greenville Zoo

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), the Greenville Zoo is rated one of the best tourist attractions in South Carolina, attracting over 270,000 people annually. Operated by the City of Greenville, the 14-acre facility features wildlife from around the world, including elephants, giraffes, monkeys and giant tortoises. Visitors can also enjoy one of the zoo's most popular exhibits, the Reptile Building, which is home to a variety of lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes.

The Greenville Zoo is open seven days a week, except on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zoo entry ticket sales close at 4:15 p.m. Admission to the Greenville Zoo is \$8.75 for adults and \$5.50 for children (ages 3-15 years old).

For more information about the Greenville Zoo, visit www.greenvillezoo.com or follow the zoo on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greenvillezoo.

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